

Minutes for Syringe Advisory Board

October 1, 2018

Members Present: Judy Sousa, Rachel Waldman, Sarah Kerr, Aaron Ostrom, Sgt. Leonard LaFrance, Greg Sparks-Ex Officio

Members Absent: Dr. Donald Baird

City Manager Sparks provided an overview to the committee of the purpose and duties of the committee:

1. PURPOSE: To reduce the negative impacts of syringe litter in Eureka; Focus on collaborative problem-solving; Appointed for one year as an ad hoc committee that makes recommendations to the City Council
2. DUTIES: Advise City Council on public health matters related to syringe exchange, needle litter, and regulation of SEP's; Advise City Council on public education, syringe clean-ups, product liability regulations and community response to the opioid crisis.

AGENDA:

1. Introductions-Went around the room for introductions, background, and asked the question "What are your goals and aspirations for this group?"
2. What Does Success Look like-Measurables
3. How Do We Educate Ourselves On This Issue
 - Observe at HACHR
 - CDPH
 - Other communities
4. General-Discussed Council would like a preliminary report in 90 days and frequency of meetings

DISCUSSION:

1. What Does Success Look Like
 - Improve community perception
 - Improve the numbers
 - Create positive feedback from the public
 - Heighten the qualitative aspect in people's minds
 - Measurables-Does it improve public health; lower Hepatitis/HIV
 - Have/create rules and regulations that work
 - Strategies toward recovery
 - Focus on "Big Picture" problems
 - More collaboration and transparency among agencies
 - Numbers and fewer arrests
 - New approaches
 - One person at a time into treatment/recovery
2. Educate
 - Evidence based
 - Fentanyl testing

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- HACHR reporting and intake system; potentially site tour
- Clean-ups
- PacOut Green Team
- CDPH Best Practices
- Psychology/Drug use-Understanding long term effects
- Data from the county kiosks
- DHHS numbers for syringe exchange
- Pharmacy sales of syringes

AGENDA for October 22, 2018

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair or Two Co-Chairs
2. Name of the Committee
3. Information from Dr. Baird
4. Group Objectives
5. Other/Miscellaneous
6. Next Meeting